

# STRIPTEEES

By John P. Stripling

"With, or without an Orchid to friend or foe, I'll Tee an opinion wherever it may go"

**THE STRIDE OF THE MIDGETS** . . . From corner lots to the Rose Bowl, from the county fair grounds to Soldiers Field, from overhauled jalopies with motorcycle engines to \$4,000 streamliners, from a handful of dust-eating fans to crowds of 65,000 under lights.

That's the stride of midget auto racing, the No. 1 marvel of this action-hungry post war period, the sport which moves into Gardens Sports stadium Sunday for regular weekly stands, according to Emmett Malloy, owner of the new \$80,000 racing bowl, located at 17801 S. Vermont ave.

Midget racing was beginning to hit the big time when Pearl Harbor came along and blacked it out completely—no gasoline, no tires and no drivers . . . then came peace and the most sensational response a professional sport ever received from the public.

In three months last autumn the racers attracted more fans than any previous year of their history, figures reveal. They took over the Los Angeles coliseum, which seats 105,000, and there they drew crowds of 65,000 for one meet and 65,000 for another. Other figures show they attracted more than 40,000 in the Pasadena Rose Bowl.

And race fans know that crowds upward of 15,000 are packed into the Gilmore stadium for its Thursday night events. Only this summer the midget racers took over the Rose Bowl after the pro footballers had been denied use of the California beauty site.

Midget racing isn't new. Underdrated racing cars have appealed to drivers for years, but two men have been mainly responsible for the modern upsurge of the little speeders. One is Earl Gilmore, wealthy oil man of Los Angeles, and the other is Fred Offenhausser, motor designer and manufacturer.

It was Gilmore who built the midget drivers their first real racing track—a quarter mile track surrounded by 18,000 seats in the heart of West Los Angeles residential district—and who induced Offenhausser to build the first real midget motor.

Offenhausser turned out a \$1,600 motor for the "Midgets," on which he has won the "Midget" name "has come to mean" racing what Sterling is to silver.

The drivers say that all the motors are alike when they come out, but the midget pilots are such mechanics—and you know what that means to any engine, men—that even Offenhausser himself would not recognize one of his own motors after a driver has finished his tinkering.

On the nearby front, Malloy, who lives in Inglewood, says that he eventually expects to seat 25,000 around the Vermont ave. oval and when material permits, night racing will begin there.

The track is seven-eighths of a mile and measures 60 feet in width. Temporary seating will accommodate 12,000, he said. Original plans were for hot-rods, Malloy revealed, but once construction got under way he decided to make it the finest midget track in the country and one look into the "valley bowl" will convince the most keen track observer that he has made every effort to accomplish the job.

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**TOURNAMENT TROPHIES** . . . Pictured above are Mayor J. Hugh Sherfy Jr. (left) and Clifford Totten, commander of the Bert S. Crossland Post, No. 170, American Legion, posed beside the trophies which will be awarded top baseball teams currently playing here in Torrance Park. The center trophy, to be awarded the championship team, is to be presented by the City of Torrance. At left, second place award is shown, and at right, third place. Trophies at each end of the group are for the fourth place tie. The Torrance American Legion is sponsor of the annual tournament played here. (Torrance Herald photo.)

## Rosabell, Defeated By Signal, Faces Pacific Clay Tonight

Pacific Clay Products and Rosabell Plumbers take the spotlight tonight in Torrance City Park for tournament survival to mark the first elimination game in the fifth and final round of baseball thrills here.

The powerful Plumbers met their Waterloo Sunday night when they fell defeated before the hard-working Signal Oilers in one of the most exciting games to be played in the local park. Some 2,000 ball fans screamed and yelled throughout the nine heated innings which saw the 1945 Champion Rosabell team lose its first game in the 1946 tourney and the Oilers take their fourth straight victory. This win moves Signal into the final tourney game.

Charlie Pedrotti's high-flying Pasadena nine worked every trick in the game to push their lone tally across home plate to tie the Santa Monica club in the seventh frame. Signal scored their second and winning run in the top half of the ninth on Moose Krause's error. Krause, a former Hollywood Stars horse-hider, fumbled the ball at home plate to let an Oiler score the win.

Archie Campbell, chucking for Signal, allowed only five scattered hits to the Plumbers, while Howard Mills, Rosabell moundster, was nicked for seven.

**R H E**  
Signal . . . 000 001 001—2 7 2  
Rosabell . . . 000 000 100—1 5 3  
Campbell and Swartz; Mills and Krause.

Standard Oil was eliminated Aug. 21 by Dedeaux Trojans.

**R H E**  
Dedeaux . . . 040 000 200—6 14 1  
Standard . . . 020 020 000—4 10 1  
Evans and Reagan; Wilkinson, McCabe and McCabe, Campbell.

Pacific Clay Products fell victim to Rosabell Plumbers Aug. 22, and suffered their first defeat following two wins.

**R H E**  
Pacific . . . 000 010 000—1 6 1  
Rosabell . . . 200 010 30x—6 7 2  
Nowel and Pfirman; Montank and Krause.

## Midget Car Races Move Into Home Stretch Tonight

The record-breaking 1946 Pacific Coast night speedway midget car season moves into the home stretch tonight at Gilmore Stadium with the cream of America's speed crowd entered in the program of sprint thrillers, topped off by the 80-lap North Hollywood Sweepstakes.

Top-notch drivers have set their guns on winning the Coast championship, and from now "in" there will be many a close scramble in every race, for an extra \$5,000 in cash rides with the 1946 association championship. Sam Hanks now is in the lead with better than 700 points, trailed by Ed Haddad, who set the pace all summer before being overtaken by Hanks.

Racing starts at 8:30 o'clock, and the drivers start buzzing around the fast "banked-quarter" at 7 o'clock in their time trials that set up main event starting positions.

**GOOD DOVE REPORT**  
A high population of doves in Orange County is reported to be in the grain and foothill areas around Yorba Linda, Atwood, Sunny Hills, La Habra, Brea and Lower Santa Ana river.

**R H E**  
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Arcadia . . . 000 000 000—0 1 1  
Couts and Gibson; DeHoage.

**Southern California Championship Tournament**  
**BASEBALL** Starts **EVERY** Aug. 3 **NITE**  
Games Called 8:15 P.M. - Torrance Ball Park - Admission 60c

## Torrance Girl Softballers Trip El Segundo Nine

The newly-organized Torrance Recreation girls' softball team, coached by Elmer "Red" Moon of the local Recreation staff, traveled to El Segundo last Thursday evening where they took the measure of the host team by a one-sided 16-3 score. The heavy-hitting and heads-up base running of the locals featured the contest—14 solid hits, including home runs by First Baseman Ann Mondor and Captain Wanda Hollomon, rattled off the team's bats.

Defensive plays of the Torrance lassies were above par. Mary Tibbets pitched three innings and allowed but one run on two hits. Mary Wasalso on the starting end of a snappy double play, grabbed a line fly ball and quickly relayed it to Burna Morris at second to double the unfortunate El Segundo miss who had started for third on the hit. Wanda Hollomon pitched one inning and allowed two hits.

Starting for the El Segundo nine was First Baseman Pat Tracey, who smacked one of Hollomon's offerings far and wide for a circuit ride with a mate aboard at the time.

The teams are scheduled for a rematch on the El Segundo High School field tonight at 7 p. m.

## BOWLING NEWS

By EVA "TOOTS" YARBROUGH

Excitement ruled over the Torrance Bowling Academy last Wednesday night when Louis . . . Former owner, President the Lomita Auto Parts team a beautiful trophy for winning first place in the league. It is inscribed: "Lomita Auto Parts—B. Work, G. Nelson, J. Nelson, E. Yarbrough and M. Yarbrough." The trophy is now occupying a prominent place in the store to be viewed by all.

It was sweepstakes night for the Wednesday League and some nice scores were tallied for the efforts of some of the bowlers. Just wove some prize money under the noses of the City team members and see what happens. Three members of this team were in the money after all the scores were added up.

Al Benedict's 616 was good enough to win the singles and first in the doubles along with J. M. McKee, Johnny Munger and Jeanne Nelson won the second spot in the doubles with 1138, with Bud Lee winning the same spot in the singles with his 589.

L. Spellman and C. Morris had 1114 for third in doubles and Dorothy Pederson won the No. 3 spot in the singles with 588.

Remember, bowlers, now is the time to practice smashing that old 1-3 pocket for the winter leagues. When the Tuesday Night League ends next week, open bowling will be held all week.

**GIRLS SOFTBALL TILT**  
The Southern California girls softball championships were this week scheduled for Lakewood stadium, Carson at Cherry in Long Beach, for Sept. 4-22, inclusive, with a field of some 16 leading girls teams assured for the elimination event. Buena Park, Valley All-Stars of Van Nuys and Pasadena Ramblers are rated leading favorites.

**AMADOR COUNTY FISHING**  
Best fishing in Amador County is reported to be in Bear river and North Fork of Mokelumne river. Generally, fishing is very poor on the lakes in Amador County with stream fishing slightly better.

## New York Giants Conduct Try-Out School In Arcadia

The New York Giants of the National League and their Farm clubs will open a try-out camp for players at Santa Anita County park in Arcadia. This camp is for players, interested in starting in professional baseball.

Starting at 10:00 a.m. Sept. 17 and running for 5 days, this try-out camp will be conducted by Mickey Shuler, scout for the New York Giants, Diamond Joe Faeth and Nick Buonarigo. Contestants are requested to bring their own equipment and pay their own expenses. If they are signed to a contract their expenses will be refunded.

Due to baseball rules, Junior American Legion players and boys going to high school will not be allowed to attend.

For further information contact Nick Buonarigo, 1119 W. 91st st.

**ABALONE LIMITS**  
Nice limits of abalone have been recently taken at Bear Harbor and Needle Rock, although few were taken from Shelter Cove, reports indicate. There have also been good quantities of surf fish taken at Needle Rock.



**DEFEATS ROSABELL** . . . Archie Campbell, Signal Oil hurler and former Pacific Coast League veteran, allowed the mighty Rosabell Plumbers five scattered hits during Sunday night's game and whiffed enough Plumbers to down the Pasadena nine 2-1. Signal moves into the final tourney game which may end Sunday night. If they are defeated in this game one more play will be added to the tournament, with the Oilers still on the diamond, which would be Monday night.

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